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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FRIENDS OF YOSEMITE VALLEY; et
al.,

Plaintiffs - Appellees,

v.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE, in his official
capacity as Secretary of the Interior; et al.,

Defendants - Appellants.

No. 07-15124

D.C. No. CV-00-06191-AWI
Eastern District of California,
Fresno

FRIENDS OF YOSEMITE VALLEY; et
al.,

Plaintiffs - Appellees,

v.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE, in his official
capacity as Secretary of the Interior; et al.,

Defendants - Appellants.

No. 07-15791

D.C. No. CV-00-06191-AWI
Eastern District of California,
Fresno

ORDER

Before: GOODWIN, TASHIMA and WARDLAW, Circuit Judges.

The court *sua sponte* consolidates appeal Nos. 07-15124 and 07-15791.

The parties' joint motion requesting assignment of these appeals to the panel that decided *Friends of Yosemite Valley v. Norton*, 366 F.3d 731 (9th Cir. 2004) and *Friends of Yosemite Valley v. Norton*, 348 F.3d 789 (9th Cir. 2003) is granted.

The parties' joint motion to expedite these appeals is granted. The opening brief filed on May 7, 2007 in appeal No. 07-15124 shall also apply to appeal No. 07-15791. The consolidated answering brief is due July 8, 2007, and the optional consolidated reply brief is due August 8, 2007. Due to the expedited nature of these appeals, no motions to extend time to file the briefs will be entertained absent extraordinary and compelling circumstances.

The Clerk shall calendar oral argument for these consolidated appeals at the James R. Browning United States Courthouse in San Francisco on October 10, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.